**Use the book to answer the following questions completely.**  
  
1. What is the significance of the painting Hoff describes named The Vinegar Tasters? (2)  
  
  
2. What is the theme of life according to Hoff’s interpretation of Taoism? (5-6)  
  
  
3. How does Hoff explain the “uncarved block” metaphor? (10)  
  
  
4. What is the secret message of the “uncarved block?” (20)  
  
  
5. What was the main conflict between the Confucianists and Taoists according to Hoff? (24)

6. Which of Milne’s characters represent Confucianists and Taoists according to Hoff?  
  
  
7. What is Hoff’s opinion of Confucianist scholars? (26)  
  
  
8. What does Hoff say about knowledge vs. experience? (29)  
  
  
9. What do most scholars blame for problems in the world? Why isn’t it justified? (32)  
  
  
10. What is the difference between “cleverness” and “Inner Nature?” (38)

11. Why is it important to discern your own Inner Nature? (41)

12. Explain Hoff’s interpretation of the Chinese quote: “One disease, long life; No disease, short life.” (48)  
  
13. What does Hoff mean when he states that we must learn to “work with Things As They Are?” (50)

14. What happens to people who do not listen to their Inner Nature? (57)

15. What is the Way of Self-Reliance? (57-8)  
  
16. How can we change ourselves effectively through the principles of Taoism? (58)

17. What is the Wu Wei or “The Pooh Way” according to Hoff? (67-8)

18. How does the quote, “Tao does not do, but nothing is not done,” explain Wu Wei or “The Pooh Way?” (70)

19. How does T’ai Chi reflect Wu Wei or Taoism as a martial art? (87-8)